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PROSPECTUS
OF THE
United States Cremation Company,
(LIMITED.)

Incorporated under the General Business Act of 1876
of the State of New York.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$25,000,

Divided into 1,000 Shares of the par value of \$25 per Share.

THE UNITED STATES CREMATION COMPANY, Limited, having been duly incorporated, has established its office at the office of its Treasurer, Mr. EDWD. C. COCKEY, No. 6 Dey street, in the City of New York, where subscriptions to its stock will be received.

Ten per cent., or \$2.50 per Share of the Subscription Money, is to be paid in cash at the time of subscribing.

All subscriptions are payable to the Corporation in such instalments and at such time or times as shall be fixed by the by-laws or by the Directors acting under the by-laws.

This Company is organized for the purpose of providing and establishing, within the limits of this city, or its immediate vicinity, a suitable building and other facilities for the cremation of the dead.

With the sincere conviction that the object in view will prove at once a noble philanthropy and, in time, a remunerative investment, you are invited by the Directors to take an interest in the Company.

Sanitary science has long since established, beyond question, the fact that the prevailing practice of earth-burial is an evil inflicted upon the living, and an offence against civilization; that the thousands of acres of burial-grounds in and about our cities are so many thousands of acres converted into pest-beds and breeding places of disease—vast store-houses of pestilence surrounding our abodes, poisoning the air we breathe and the water we drink.

But for the reverence which renders sacred everything associated with our beloved dead, it would seem impossible that this horrible and baneful practice could have been so long upheld in its warfare upon the law of self-preservation of the living.

Let it be clearly and fully understood that cremation is only a safe, cleanly, expeditious and eco-

nomical method of facilitating nature's work ; that it is simply an accelerated decomposition, and that precisely the same result (*viz.* : the oxidation of the body) finally obtains, whatever the process, whether accomplished in a hundred years, or in an hour, and whether among the gloomy horrors and putrescence of the grave, or in the rosy glow of the crematorium. Surely, when this is understood, a rational people cannot long hesitate which to choose.

Cremation has none of the offensive or mischievous features of earth-burial, and we confidently believe is destined, at no distant day, to supercede this practice.

As now conducted at Gotha, Milan, and other points in Europe, and as it is proposed to establish it here, cremation is not to be confounded with the offensive custom of burning on the open pyre, as practiced by the ancients, and even by the moderns in India and Japan, a custom only less appalling than earth-burial itself. Cremation is effected in a superheated air chamber, which allows no contact of flame or fuel with the body, while all the gases and volatile products of combustion are completely regenerated and rendered innocuous and odorless before being liberated. An approved modern crematory might be erected in

Madison Square, and, but for transporting the dead bodies thither, could not be an offence to any one. The process is accompanied with no repulsive sight, or sound, or smell, no noise or smoke; absolutely nothing that can offend the most delicately sensitive.

The body, covered with a pall, is placed in a catafalque in the chapel or reception hall, whence it descends noiselessly by means of an elevator to the incinerating chamber. This, by means of superheated air, has been raised to a white heat at a temperature of about 2,000° Fahrenheit. When opened to receive the body, the in-rushing cold air cools this chamber to a delicate rose tint, and the body, after an hour in this bath of rosy light, is completely decomposed, nothing remaining but a few pounds (about four per cent. of the original weight) of clean, pure, pearly ashes, which are taken out and put in an urn of terra-cotta, marble, or other suitable material, and placed in a niche of the columbarium, or delivered to the friends to be disposed of as they may desire.

As thus effected, is not cremation infinitely preferable to the horrors of slow decay and putrefaction in the grave?

If, in this matter, the people of this vast City and vicinity will show the same readiness to adopt

reform (dictated at once by reason and refined sentiment, and based upon sound principles of sanitary science), that they have exhibited in other matters of less vital importance, then will incineration speedily become an established practice, and earth-burial will be one of the dead customs of the buried past.

The cost of such a decorous, reverent and cleanly disposal of a human body will be, after it reaches the Crematory, from ten (\$10) to twenty-five (\$25) dollars, according to circumstances. To this may be added, if desired, five (\$5) dollars for an urn, and \$10 each (\$20) for a niche in the Columbarium, where the urn may be kept, and for an inscribed tablet to be placed in the wall below the niche, commemorative of deceased, making the entire expense fifty (\$50) dollars, in lieu of the usual cost of grave or lot, and headstone or monument, and care thereof in a cemetery, amounting in all to an average of not less than three times this sum.



Please fill up and sign the enclosed subscription blank, and address to the Treasurer.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, } ss. .

It is hereby certified that an original certificate for the formation of a corporation in the class of limited liability corporations, under the corporate name of THE UNITED STATES CREMATION COMPANY (limited), was filed in the office of the Secretary of State, under Chapter 611, Laws of 1875, entitled "An Act to provide for the organization and regulation of certain business corporations," on the twelfth day of April, 1884, and that the following is a true and correct copy of said original certificate (the same having been compared with said original), and the whole thereof :

We, the undersigned, James B. Brown, John D. Beugless, Felix Adler, Delavan Bloodgood, Edward A. Caswell, Edward C. Cockey and August Schwarzschild, a majority being citizens of the city and State of New York, do hereby certify : That we propose to form a company of the class of limited liability companies, pursuant to the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act to provide for the organization and regulation of certain business corporations," passed June 21st. 1875, and all acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

First.—The name of said company is to be The United States Cremation Company (Limited).

Second.—The location of the principal business office of said corporation is to be in the City of New York, in the State of New York.

Third.—The object and nature of the business for which said corporation is to be formed, are :

A.—To cremate the human dead in the quickest, best and most economical manner.

B.—To purchase, take on lease, to receive, take and hold, as well by devise or bequest, to such corporation or its Board of Trustees, or otherwise acquire land, works, buildings, machinery, patents, rights and chattels for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them, and to purchase shares of the company for the purpose of canceling the same, as allowed by law.

C.—To sell, lease, mortgage, charge or otherwise dispose of any land, works, buildings, machinery, patent-rights and chattels, or any estates, or interests therein ; and to grant licenses, sub-licenses or authority, to use any inventions or rights granted by any letters-patent, registrations or copyrights for the time being vested in the company.

D.—To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

Fourth.—The amount of the capital stock of said corporation is to be twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars.

Fifth.—The number of shares of which said capital stock shall consist, is to be one thousand (1,000), each share to be of the par value of twenty-five (\$25) dollars.

Sixth.—The duration of said corporation is to be for the term of forty-nine (49) years.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals in the City of New York, on the eleventh day of April, 1884.

In presence of	JAMES B. BROWN.	[Seal.]
ABRAHAM L. JACOBS.	J. D. BEUGLESS.	[Seal.]
	FELIX ADLER.	[Seal.]
	DELAVAN BLOODGOOD.	[Seal.]
	E. A. CASWELL.	[Seal.]
	EDWARD C. COCKEY.	[Seal.]
	AUGUST SCHWARZSCHILD.	[Seal.]

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss. :

On this eleventh day of April, 1884, before me personally came JAMES B. BROWN, JOHN D. BEUGLESS, FELIX ADLER, DELAVAN BLOODGOOD, EDWARD A. CASWELL, EDWARD C. COCKEY, and AUGUST SCHWARZSCHILD, to me personally known, and known to me to be the individuals mentioned and described in the foregoing certificate of incorporation, and who executed the same, and did each acknowledge to me that they executed the same for the use and purposes therein mentioned.

[Seal.]

ABRAHAM L. JACOBS,
Notary Public,
 N. Y. Co.

And it is further hereby certified, that upon the filing of said certificate, of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy, on the 12th day of April, 1884, as aforesaid, a license was issued by the Secretary of State, pursuant to said act, to the seven persons named therein, and who made and acknowledged said certificate, empowering them, as Commissioners, to open books for subscription to the capital stock of said proposed corporation, at such times and places as they might determine.

And a verified record of the proceedings of said Commissioners having this 16th day of May, 1884, been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, containing a copy of the subscription list to the capital stock of said proposed corporation, together with a copy of the By-Laws for said proposed corporation, adopted by the subscribers to said capital stock at a meeting of said subscribers held at No. 109 West 54th street, in the City of New York, on

the 6th day of May, 1884, pursuant to the provisions of said act, as appears from said verified record aforesaid ; at which subscribers' meeting, as aforesaid, thirteen Directors (being the number provided for in the said By-Laws of said proposed corporation), were also chosen, whose names, as further appears from said verified record of proceedings filed as aforesaid, are as follows, to wit :

CHARLES PUTZEL,	JOHN D. BEUGLESS,
FELIX ADLER,	LOUIS LANGE,
EDWARD A. CASWELL,	AUGUSTUS G. COBB,
EDWARD C. COCKEY,	ALEXANDER BERGHAUS,
AUGUST SCHWARZSCHILD,	A. C. C. TAMSEN,
JAMES B. BROWN,	A. H. EDINGER,
HENRY TUCK.	

Now, therefore, I, Joseph B. Carr, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that said corporation, to wit : The United States Cremation Company, Limited, is fully organized in accordance with said act, Chapter 611, Laws of 1875 ; and that all the provisions of said act have been duly observed in the organization of said corporation as herein above set forth.

Witness my hand and the seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this 16th day of May, 1884,

[Seal.] JOSEPH B. CARR,
Secretary of State.

(Endorsed.)

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. } ss.

Recorded this 16th day of May, 1884, in Record of Incorporations, vol. 6, at page 217, and examined.

JOSEPH B. CARR,
Secretary of State.

Recorded 17th May, 1884, 3 h. 31 m.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss.

I, PATRICK KEENAN, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, do certify, that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation on record in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and the whole of such original.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official seal, this sixth day of June, 1884.

PATRICK KEENAN,
Clerk.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
United States Cremation Company,
(LIMITED.)

ARTICLE I.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company for the election of a Board of Directors to manage and transact the business of the company for one year from the date of such election, shall be held on the first Monday of May in each year, at the office of the company in the City of New York; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify all stockholders, by mail, of the time and place of such election, and also by publishing a notice of such election in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of New York, twenty days before the time of said election.

SEC. 2. The election of Directors shall be by ballot, and the polls shall be opened at twelve o'clock, noon, and remain open one hour, and the thirteen stockholders receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

SEC. 3. The Directors shall hold over until their successors are elected, and in the event of failure to elect Directors at the time prescribed for the annual election, an election shall be held as soon thereafter as the Directors shall determine, and notice of the time and place shall be given as provided in Section 1.

SEC. 4. The Directors shall hold stated meetings at the office of the company on the first Monday of each month, and a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of the Directors may be called at the request of four Directors, and notice of all special meetings shall be given by the Secretary, by mail, to each of the Directors, together with a statement of the object of such special meeting.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors there shall be elected a President and Treasurer, each of whom shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected. The Board of Directors shall ap-

point a Secretary from among the stockholders or otherwise, and shall likewise appoint a General Manager or Superintendent and all other necessary employes, and who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board, and receive such compensation as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SEC. 6. The Board of Directors shall determine all dividends; but no dividends shall be declared except out of the actual earnings of the company.

SEC. 7. At the last monthly meeting prior to the annual election, the Board of Directors shall elect three tellers, who shall act as inspectors at the annual election.

SEC. 8. At every meeting of the Board of Directors the following shall be the order of business :

- 1st. Roll-call.
- 2d. Reading of Minutes of last Meeting.
- 3d. Reports of Committees.
- 4th. Report of General Manager.
- 5th. Treasurer's Statement.
- 6th. Other business.

ARTICLE II.

PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Directors and Stockholders; shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the company; shall make and sign all contracts, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks, drafts, or other evidences for the payment of money, and shall sign all certificates of stock. He shall appoint all necessary committees, and he shall be chairman of all standing committees; he shall have the power to suspend employes until the next meeting of the Board of Directors. He shall render an annual report to the stockholders. In the event of the absence of the President at any meeting, or his inability to attend to the business of the company, the Board of Directors shall elect a chairman, who shall perform all the duties of the President during his absence or inability.

ARTICLE III.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all the finances of the company; shall receive all moneys, and deposit the same in the name of the company, in some bank designated by the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks; shall make monthly reports to the Board of Directors of all receipts and disbursements, and he shall keep books, which shall be open to the inspection of all stockholders. He shall preserve all vouchers; and shall render a full

statement of the finances of the company at the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall give bonds in such sum and with such sureties as are required by the Board of Directors, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

ARTICLE IV.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall have charge and custody of the corporate seal of the company, and of all its books and papers. He shall give notice of all meetings. He shall countersign all stock certificates, and keep an account thereof. He shall have charge of the transfer of stock, but no such stock shall be transferred unless the original certificate shall be produced before him, with an assignment duly witnessed. He shall issue new certificates of stock in place of surrendered stock, and in such case shall securely place such surrendered certificate in its proper place in the stock-book. His books shall be open to the inspection of all stockholders at all reasonable times.

ARTICLE V.

MANAGER.

The General Manager or Superintendent shall have power to employ and discharge workmen, and shall have charge of the affairs of the company. He shall keep accurate books of account of all payments made, and of the quantity and character of material used and work performed. He shall render statements at least once in each month, and shall make an annual report to the meeting of the stockholders.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM OF STOCKHOLDERS.

The number of stockholders who shall attend, either in person or by proxy, at every meeting, in order to constitute a quorum, shall be at least a majority in interest.

ARTICLE VII.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings of the stockholders shall be called at the request of at least ten stockholders in number, and whose aggregate shares shall be not less than one hundred. Notices of such meetings shall be given as prescribed in Section IV.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDING THE BY-LAWS.

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or suspended at any meeting of the stockholders by a two-thirds vote of the majority in interest of those who are present at the meeting.

RULES GOVERNING THE DIRECTORS
OF THE
United States Cremation Company,
(LIMITED.)

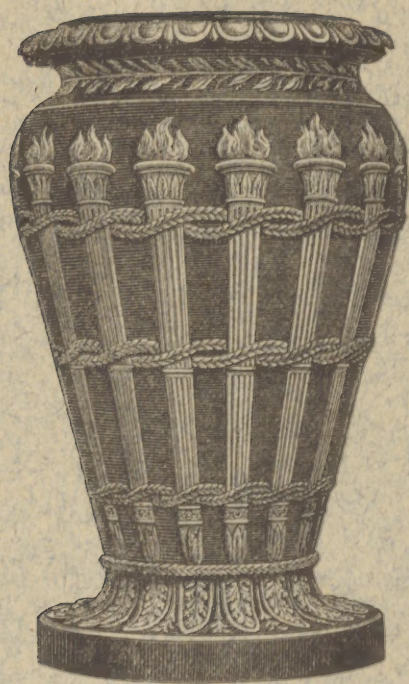
The report of every committee on matters involving the expenditure of money, such as the selection of a site for the crematory, or the approval of designs for the building or furnace, or the appointing of persons to superintend or carry on such work, or any other work, shall be in writing, and shall state in full the reasons for the decision reached, what other plans or persons were proposed, and the cause of their rejection. The names of the members of the committee who approve or dissent from the report must be given, and the report, after its consideration by the Board, must be left with the President and a summary of it entered on the Secretary's minutes.

On demand of four members or more of the Board, action on the report of a committee can be once postponed until the next meeting, for the purpose of affording opportunity for further investigation.

A Director or committee recommending the employment of a person for any service requiring a moneyed consideration, shall present to the Board such person's references or testimonials as to his honesty and business capacity.

In matters involving a large outlay of money, or, whenever the importance or uncertainty of the subject appears to warrant such act, the Board shall, for the purpose of properly informing itself, require the committee having the matter in charge to produce before it all plans and specifications relating to the subject; and the Board shall examine separately all competitors for the work, that their different views may be obtained, and a wise and just decision arrived at.

The Executive Committee shall have power to authorize expenditure of such sums as may be necessary for incidentals and sundries, in cases not involving more than ten (\$10) dollars in any one bill.



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BLACK AND WHITE JASPER.
Barlow Collection.